

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 29th July 2012

Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday 4th October at 2 p.m. in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee online are available by clicking on the Licence Exam button on the IRTS homepage at www.irts.ie Places for the examination are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The closing date for applications to sit this examination is Thursday, 20th September Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee in order to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form.

North Cork Radio Club

After a fun day in the Mountains, North Cork Radio Group is now gearing up for their August events, and this month is going to be a top month for activations by NCRG. No less than 3 field days are planned, making these events no. 7, 8 and 9 for NCRG in 2012.

Wednesday 8-August: a UNIQUE activation; Spike Island on the Air - CASHOTA reference: EI019/C

Saturday 18-August: Blackrock Castle Observatory - CASHOTA reference: EI009/C

Sunday 19-August: Roches Point Lighthouse - ILLW reference: EI0010

Members of the North Cork Radio Group would like to congratulate Martin (EI8FFB) and Lorrae Evans on their marriage, 28-July. We wish them all the best for the future.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will hold a meeting on Wednesday next the 1st of August in Raheen House Hotel, Raheen Road, Clonmel at 8:30pm All are welcome.

Germany 9th Amateur Radio Fair AREB

On Saturday, 13 October 2012, the 9th amateur radio and electronics fair AREB takes place in the University of Technology, Dresden, Germany. Reservations for commercial and private sellers can be submitted until 10th August 2012. Payment will be made by invoice.

This year Dublin Bus celebrates its 25th Birthday.

To celebrate the event a Special Event Station EI25DB will be aired between 1st July 2012 and 30th June 2013. The station will be operated by current and former employees of Dublin Bus led by Declan EI9HQ and Pete EI4GZB. QSLs to Declan EI9HQ or on LOTW or HamLog.eu

Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club

Just because we are on our summer break does not mean that the Club is not active. This week-end, July 28th and 29th, listen out for the Club call-sign MN0VFW, as several keen members will be active from Coney Island, a small wooded island on Lough Neagh, the largest inland waterway in the British Isles. While Coney does not qualify for IOTA, we hope to have some fun giving away points during the Islands contest. Our website www.muarc.com lists all the usual club info plus many photos of our activities.

DX News

Bill K9HZ will be QRV from St Lucia as J68HZ from 4 – 19 August. The IOTA reference is NA-108 and he will be active on all bands 40 – 6m. QSLs go via his home call.

Stefan DL4ST is in Afghanistan until the end of September. He is active as T6SS and so far has been worked mainly on 20m.

For those that missed the recent 9M0L DXpedition to Spratly Island there is another opportunity coming up to work this quite rare DXCC entity. From 7 – 13 August John 9M6XRO and Steve 9M6DXX will be active from Spratly using the callsign 9M4SLL. They will be on 80 – 10m using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL manager is M0URX.

A multi-national group will activate the Comoros Islands from 8 – 20 August. The callsign will be D64K. QSL info is via IV3DSH and full details of the expedition can be found on www.d64k.net

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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